

ATC Frequently Asked Questions September 2017

Arkansas Teacher Corps Licensure

This fact sheet is intended to provide information pertaining to the ATC route to Arkansas Licensure

What is the Arkansas Teacher Corps Fellows Program?

The Arkansas Teacher Corps (ATC) is an alternative teacher licensure program that recruits, trains, and supports exceptional, social justice-oriented individuals to serve as teachers for Arkansas students who need them the most.

What is the ATC Provisional Teaching License?

A three-year, <u>non-renewable</u> provisional license issued to a participant in the ATC Fellows program serving as teacher-of-record in an ATC partner school. The license can be issued across the full range of grade levels and subject matters with the exception of counseling and special education.

What is the ATC Fellows application process?

For detailed information regarding the application process visit: arkansasteachercorps.org

- Individuals apply online before one of the application deadlines: expedited decision in October; early decision in January; and regular decision in March of each application year.
- Applications consist of basic information, test scores, open-response questions, and an essay.
- After applications are submitted, ATC staff review the applications and respond in one of three ways:
 - Applicant is invited to a final in-person interview, known as an Interactive Selection Event (ISE),
 which generally takes place within two-three weeks after the application deadline; or
 - Applicant is invited to participate in a phone interview after which the applicant could be invited to the final interview; or
 - Applicant is not offered Fellowship with ATC

When will the provisional license be issued?

The license will be issued when all background checks clear and ADE receives the following items:

- Application for teaching license with recommendation from ATC Licensure Officer
- Transcript(s) showing degree conferred
- Passing score reports for required Praxis exams (or suitable substitute exams)
- Proof of placement of employment through ATC
- Arkansas IDEAS Record of Learning for all required pre-service professional development or recommendation from the Licensure Officer (as indicated on the license application)

How do I convert to a 5-year standard license?

- Complete ATC Fellows Program as teacher of record in an ATC partner school
- Recommendation from ATC Licensure Officer for the standard license
- Passing scores on all state required licensure assessments
- Complete ADE licensure application and pay \$75 processing fee

For more information visit <u>arkansasteachercorps.org</u> or call 479-575-6418 or email info@arkansasteachercorps.org